(*b*) and (*c*) Messrs. N. M. Sivalingappa, Kadur Taluk; Chikramanna, Byregowda and Doddavembraliah, Kolar Taluk; and Rama Rao, Malur Taluk.

(*b*) The proposed Tank *Panchayet* Regulation has many advantages such as (1) the allotment of the sale proceeds of grass growing on bunds, *pasavara*, etc., for purposes of repair, (2) facilities for a fair distribution of water, etc. Ryots are slow to perceive these advantages and are not ready to avail themselves of this help by praying for the early introduction of the Regulation. Government may itself take the initiative and enforce this Regulation in the case of tanks yielding a revenue of more than Rs. 5,000 and set an example to the ryots, who will then pray for its introduction to other tanks.

(*c*) If the Village *Panchayet* system is introduced, all the minor tanks will be repaired properly and the constant famine will become scarce. So the bill for the introduction of this system into the State, which is now under contemplation of the Government, may be passed early.

Reply of Government.—The Assembly may give a collective opinion on the Bill. It will be considered by the Council.

NOTE.—On the 1st November 1909, Mr. Sheshadri Iyengar presented a paper containing the views of the Assembly on the Bill and expressed thanks for the opportunity given to the Assembly to express their opinion.

SUBJECT NO. 7.

(1) Introduction of the Weights and Measures Regulation.

(*a*) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk; H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk; Hutchvire Gowda, Gubbi Taluk; B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality; Venkatakrishniah, Madappa, N. Srikantiah and M. C. Ranga Iyengar, Mysore City Municipality; Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board; Madappa, Mysore Taluk; Krishnasastri and Somasetty, Krishnarajpete Taluk; Devoji Rao, Yedatore Taluk; Valahatti Devappa, Gundlupet Taluk; Veene Rangasami Iyengar and K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam Taluk; D. Venkoba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; Suryanarayan Setti, Hassan District Board; and Ramaswami Setti, Arkalgud Taluk.

(*b*) (1) Messrs. Chikramanna, Byregowda, and Dodda Vembraliah, Kolar Taluk; Rama Rao, Malur Taluk; C. Peer Navaz Khan, Bowringpet Taluk; Agara Subbiah, Bangalore Taluk; B. Naraharaiya, Nelamangala Taluk.

(2) Messrs. T. Venkatappa and Nadig Sankara Rao, Shimoga Taluk; Annagiri Shama Rao, Kadur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) For want of the existence of uniform weights and measures in the various parts of the State, the public are put to much inconvenience and loss. The introduction of a Regulation to enforce the use of uniform weights and measures throughout the State may be expedited.

(*b*) (1) Rules under the Weights and Measures Regulation may be passed early to ensure uniformity in the State.

Standard weights and measures may be prescribed for use throughout the State as follows:—

(i) *For measures of weight.*—A 24 rupees weight may be fixed as one seer, and 48 seers weight as a maund.

(ii) *For measures of capacity.*—A measure which when properly filled with grain weighs rupees 84 should be the standard seer, a measure of 20 seers should be one *kolaga* and a measure of 20 *kolagas* or 400 seers should be one *khandi*.

(2) A rule should be passed that every weight or measure, when newly manufactured, shall be produced before the Government authorities in the district headquarters and got stamped after being properly tested.

NOTE.—Several members spoke on this subject and urged the need for early action.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit was in favor of adopting the 24 rupees' seer and the jail seer as measures of weight and capacity respectively.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao suggested that some of the measures current in Northern India might be adopted.

Mr. Pilkington considered that the standards adopted should be such as would bring the Indian standards into line with those in vogue in the rest of the civilized world.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 8.

The Mysore Newspaper Regulation, III of 1908.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao and S. Sitaramiah, Shimoga Municipality; K. Sankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha; Seshadri Iyengar, Tumkur Municipality; V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk; M. Venkatakrishniah, Madappa and N. Srikantiah, Mysore City Municipality; and Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This Regulation may be repealed. If that is not possible it may be amended by (*a*) repealing Section 2 which necessitates the permission of Government before starting a paper; (*b*) providing for a judicial trial by the Chief Court before the order for deportation or for confiscating the press, etc., is passed; and (*c*) defining the various offences for which punishment is to be inflicted under the Regulation.

The Regulation places the editors under unnecessary restraint in respect of criticism of matters of public importance in which Government or its officers are concerned. Further its presence in the Mysore Code is an undeserved reflection on the loyalty of the people of Mysore. The provision regarding deportation should be removed as the people could not bear the loss of an esteemed privilege, *viz.*, that of being His Highness' subjects.

Government promised to modify the provisions of the Regulation in conformity with the various suggestions made, but nothing seems to have been done yet in that direction. It may be repealed at an early date.

The Regulation has smothered all newspapers worth reading in Mysore and Bangalore and made the gathering of public news almost impossible. At least exemption from obtaining license may be granted to publishers of papers. The prerogative of stopping the publication of a paper should rest only with His Highness the Maharaja and should not be delegated to his Government.

Reply of Government.—The existence of the Regulation should not be taken as a slur on the people any more than the existence of the Penal Code is a slur on the people generally. There is no intention to repeal or amend the Regulation.

SUBJECT No. 9.

The Converts' Disabilities Removal Regulation.

Messrs. A. Ramanna, Yedatore Taluk; K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi

Summary of discussion.—A Regulation enabling Hindu converts to other religions to inherit the properties of relatives who remain as Hindus, should not be passed, and the present law on the subject should be retained as it is.

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